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**CIVIL WAR ERA LETTERS WRITTEN TO PERRY PHILLIPS OF
GENTRYVILLE, SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA FROM
TILLMAN A JONES (PRIVATE IN COMPANY E, 25TH INDIANA
INFANTRY) AND ALLEN W. LAMAR (LIEUTENANT IN
THE 65TH INDIANA INFANTRY)**

[Owned in the 1960s by Evelyn P. Strolin, 28 E. 16th St., Indianapolis]

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Enclosed are four civil war letters which I have reproduced for the Indiana Sesquicentennial Manuscript Project.

These letters were written to my great grandfather, and the envelopes were plain and addressed as follows (the envelope would not reproduce):

Mr. Perry Phillips
Gentryville, Indiana

My great grandfather (1834 - 1919) was postmaster for a number of years (beginning in the 1860's) at Pigeon, Spencer County, Indiana. This post office and small village (once a school there) is no longer in existence. It was once shown on Indiana State maps, but is no longer shown. If the papers appointing him postmaster would be of value to your project, I will be glad to donate the original papers.

Evelyn Phillips Strolin
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Indianapolis, Indiana



P.S. These letters were written on folded stationery and therefore on these copies the first and last pages are on one sheet and the 2nd and third pages of the letter are on the second sheet.

we have taken in between nine
and ten thousand dollars from
the rebels and bonds to the amount
of three hundred and thirty thousand
and two hundred dollars and
nearly all the money has been
paid out to union men for horses
stolen and other damages by the
rebels as the highest fines
admitted for assisting guerrillas
are 300 dollars and the lowest
for being a southern right man

50 dollars the Col generally
make them give bond and
security from one thousand
five thousand dollars and
we always have to take the
bonds to support the constitution
and discountenance secession
if these galvanized union men
men forfeit their bonds we will
left them out of their boots
I must quit or get more paper
give this to Penn folks to read
my respects to all

Sincerely, W. W. Lammie 657 Inda

Madisonville Ky Feb 23 1862

Dear Perry,

With much pleasure I received
your kind letter last night
I was glad to hear from you but
not to hear that you are not well
make plenty of strong cherry tree
bark bitters and use them freely
and you will soon get well, that
is the remedy here the sick are
all getting well fast we have 7
Cos of our own Regt and 11 Cos of
the 91st the Inda Cos are gone to
Cumberland River, when Col Foster
comes back I think the 91st will go
to Princeton Ky and we will stay
here although we are pretty well
through with the guerrillas here we
are well pixed here and have lots
of fun, but I expect this is the
honey-moon of our soldiering for
I do not see any prospect of
peace at this time. I think we
are good for the three years, and
we are making the best of it, the
affair at Fredericksburgh was a

great disaster. If the army in
the east does no better we will
not have peace in seven years
we got a disaster yesterday
that Forest was crossing Camden
with 3000 cavalry and if he
comes over we will give him
fifty. Shackelford at Hopkinsville
with 1250 cavalry and the Irish
Cav above Eddyville on the river
and Capt Hodge and Capt Dealy
and some other Co at Capeville
So I do not think the rebels will
be fool enough to come in here
although several men have come
from the rebel army and say if
they can't winter in Ky they
can't live for there is nothing in
Ky. and Md. to eat and I
know we will keep them out of
Ky. giving my love to all tell them
to write to me, I would like to
see you all, but I have not been
home with yet, we have rich old
times here, one or two parties every
week, we are all single here
the people of this place see the

and kind, there are some
deech girls here but they
do not come to our union parties
but I have a dead set at
them some times in good humor
quarrels I have as much fun out
of them as I want, Lieut Carey
and I were out foraging yesterday
got 12 loads of hay and 2 bevers
from Old Col Bradley an old
rebel, I had a great time with
the rebel girls when I started
I invited them when I started
late Christmas, they told me they
reckoned I would give them
plenty of hay and bees to eat
I told them yes and sheeting
crackers to eat with the hay and
bees, I told them that the Yankees
were very kind I would give them
any thing they needed, we have
taken 42 wagon loads of hay
from there for which they will
get pay on the other side of
Jordan we never get forage
from union people

Let me now show me and

to you. McCarty stands down
much of it, is in my debt for I in
my I could stand down more
any more now but it is very
plain whether it would
not have grown here or not
He will keep it till we have
ours and then I will send it
all to you.

Our laws are well keeping
it away from you

well I remain as ever

your Brothers
write down and often

Edison Jones
to
Cory

Thank you for your letter

June 5, 1864

Dear Richardson

I am very well to write you at this
time to let you know where I am and
what I am doing. As you are not
in the above place we have plenty
of duty to do here such as guard
duty and working on the fort
and are fighting there to quiet
the Rebel General Portney and
his soldiers to give a strong force
now, when we will be very soon
down at any time the wishes
He trust us and I think that we

can easily whip him
for this place is much better
equipped without any work
about it. I have been making
this mail thinking that ever one
would bring me a letter from you
and I would get one and
then send it to you. I think

er. Just quit writing to me
it will soon be time for the
word to come in and if I
don't get a letter from you I don't
believe that I will send this letter
So I will quit writing for this
time or A. Jones to F. Phillips
the mail has come in and
I have received your letter
of June the 5th 64 I am now better
feels fine and I am sure how
it went about my address at home
you can keep my horse till you
think best to sell him and that
money that I sent home you
can pay on that horse or I do
and you can keep the horse
till you think best to sell
or sell it when you sell your
I think that it will be a good
deal in a short time, but I do as
you think best with it and I
wish the money paid out it

Will father to hold on to us
to be as long as possible and the more
regret it for it is bound to come
up in a short time
tell him to sell mine with
his or what I and him please
to gether and you sell that what
we bought with your one
Sorry I want you to do what
you think best in that case
and I will be satisfied
you wanted to know what was
my best figures for my Revolver
\$16.00 you can see my figures but
if I was at home I would not
take that price for it but I have
no use for it and I can get
them cheaper than that here
let it go the first chance
you have so I must soon come
to decide if there is anything
you want to be concerning me let
me know and I will write

and I told it in a
very good style

Do as you think best about it
you can Do as you think best
but I am sure I am not there when I was there do go with you
I am sure I don't want
any thing or not any
in regard to singing-chairs
you can let's see what is best
to do with them I can see
you can make them best you can
have them

well, I am up the partying
we had quite a few times
we was at the Belmore and Thomson
society, had assembled besides
several satyrs and several ladies
there was several short speeches
made by - Fiferant men
name of them last, in after
the speeches was over the all
first was guys - the boys
the Best Show was to win the
1st.

And I am up the partying
we had quite a few times

School, where and you
wonder how is a District
when I was there do go with you
it singing or some one else
I don't know it is the wish to
there for I might wish all the
time and that would be the best
I am as well as the best
as ever any one was but all
I was was settled I would
somewhere at home you
might be on that

Dear when you write
it was I you to give me all
the news you can
Dear I wish that I could be
at home every day or three days
I think that I had several some
times I wish I will do any-
thing, that we will be at
the next vote at the Presidential
Election

harder and even earlier
will they not soon
get them we will
be ready for action
now and not in

When it is getting

late in the night

and we will have

to chase this

one with charges

it may find you.

The same. It is

the same. It is

the same. It is

the same. It is

the same. It is

the same. It is

Doctors & the same

Dear Brother

after some more advice

I am sent my self to work

on a few lines in a corner

ground at 2. which come

to hand this morning while

I was out on Peckham

and it found me with and

happy - and I also hope that

this may find all at home

the same. I would have expected

before this but we have been

cut off from all mail

and from ever thing its

we have been on quarter rations

for as much as 10 days at

least - we now have food

and I will judge on it

the same. It is

together but such is not
the case this has even been
and yet 100 y. short as
yet for many have never
had the chance yet to the
in any light
there is one thing
these folks will draw
the chance of buying over
hand for they are.

within seven miles ad
his place but they
have been there for
the last month
I think that this was
is about round 1000
and accions I played out

I have not heard from
J B Jones for weeks
I have not ~~yet~~ heard and
it might not make the
8 m. in ~~the~~ Rock that
I have not heard from and have

not. Received an answer
as yet. I have not read
my letter. I hope, however,
since this last. But
his ~~answers~~ expect I don't
say whether or not
has letters wrote to me or not
I don't only wait for
letters from home
and then I will wait

so I want you to write
to me as often as you
can and I will do the same
you must not be uneasy
to wait for it. Does no one
to guess about spirit with
so there would be no
need to guess when it
is two letters for my part
I don't think that
we are in any danger
but we are in danger
and that

